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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MARR, UR, UN, US
SUBJ: REPLACEMENT OF UNTSO COLONEL

REF: USUN 0595

1. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT USUN'S RECOMMENDATION IN REFTEL THAT WE AGREE TO REPLACE THE COLONEL AS SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OBSERVER BUT WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD NOT BE REPLACED WITH LT. COLONEL. U.S. LT. COLONEL WHO ACTS AS UNTSO OPERATIONS OFFICER IS IN FACT ACTING AS DE FACTO SUSMO, AND WE BELIEVE HIS ROLE SHOULD BE FORMALIZED AND THAT VACANT SLOT LEFT BY REMOVAL OF COLONEL SHOULD BE FILLED BY LOWER-RANKING OFFICER WHO WOULD BE NORMAL USMO.

2. HAVING EXCESS LT. COLONEL WOULD BE BETTER THAN HAVING EXCESS COLONEL BUT WOULD STILL POSE MORALE AND OTHER PROBLEMS INHERENT IN ASSIGNING RELATIVELY SENIOR OFFICERS TO ESSENTIALLY NONEXISTENT JOBS. IT WOULD ALSO, AS REFTEL POINTS OUT, GIVE US TWO LT. COLONELS TO SOVIET'S ONE, WITH POSSIBILITY THAT OPERATIONS OFFICER ASSIGNMENT WOULD BECOME VULNERABLE. ON
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OTHER AHDN, WE CAN SEE NO DISADVANTAGE IN RETURNING TO PRE-1973

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WAR SITUATION IN WHICH THE ONE LT. COLONEL ACTED AS OPERATIONS OFFICER AND AS SUSMO.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH LT. COLONEL RICHARDS, CURRENTLY UNTSO OPS OFFICER, WHO STRONGLY AGREES. WE HAVE NOT RAISED QUESTION WITH COLONEL ROSS, BUT WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH LIU THAT HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO BEING REASSIGNED TO MORE DEMANDING JOB EVEN THOUGH HE HAS JUST ARRIVED.
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